



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Mentoring Month in Hawai'i

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i National Guard Counterdrug Support Program reminds us that the Harvard School of Public Health and The National Mentoring Partnership (MENTOR) created the National Mentoring Month in 2002 to "...focuses national attention on the need for mentors, as well as how each of us—individuals, businesses, government agencies, schools, faith communities and nonprofits—can work together to increase the number of mentors to assure positive outcomes..." for youth; and

WHEREAS the Hawai'i National Guard Counterdrug Support Program raises awareness that the goals of National Mentoring Month are to raise awareness of mentoring, recruit individuals to mentor, and encourage organizations to engage and integrate quality mentoring into their efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i National Guard Counterdrug Support Program highlights that a mentor is a caring, consistent presence who devotes time to a young person to help that young person discover personal strength and achieve their potential through a structured and trusting relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i National Guard Counterdrug Support Program recognizes that mentoring programs have shown to be effective in combating discipline problems, substance abuse, incarceration and truancy; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i National Guard Counterdrug Support Program underlines the positive impacts of mentoring relationships, including increased engagement in school, increased graduation rates, and increased enrollment in colleges;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 2014 as

"MENTORING MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask all citizens of this Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of mentoring and applauding the men and women who serve as staff and volunteers at quality mentoring programs.

DONE, at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fourth day of January 2014.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i